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Thank you for your recent letter to President Obama with your concerns about your son's blood lead levels and issues with the Environmental Protection Agency, and their process as it relates to the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site. Since Oklahoma falls in my area of responsibility, I have been asked to respond.

As you know, EPA added the Wilcox site to the Superfund list in December 2013. Since that time EPA has worked to ensure that any immediate threats from the site are addressed as we prepare for the investigation of the site. In August 2014, we installed fencing and signage around an oily sludge area near the back of your property to prevent any exposure to your family. EPA was notified by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality of your concerns with blood lead levels with your sons and we conducted soil sampling around your house in December 2014 to understand possible sources of lead. We have recently received the laboratory results of that sampling, and are evaluating the data with ODEQ and the health agencies.

We would like to meet with you in the near future to discuss the results of the sampling, and answer any questions you have about the Superfund process. The EPA project manager for the site, Mr. Bart Canellas, can coordinate with you to set up a time to meet. Mr. Canellas can be reached at 214-665-6662, or canellas.bart@epa.gov. We will coordinate with ODEQ and the health agencies as necessary to address your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Edlund
Director
Superfund Division

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Deleted: The U S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has conducted several assessments at the Site using its authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, also called Superfund. These actions led EPA to add the Site to the National Priorities List of Sites to be addressed for cleanup on December 12, 2013 ¶

Deleted: As part of the enforcement process the EPA Remedial program continues to conduct further Site investigations to identify responsible parties to address the complete investigation and remediation of the Site. ~~While conducting these, The EPA Removal program assessed your property and installed fencing and signage around an oily sludge contaminated area on August 5-9, 2014 of activities that may require action at this time. On August 5-9, 2014, fencing and signage was installed around an oily sludge contamination area in the back of your property and in December 9-10, 2014 further soil sampling was conducted soil sampling for lead on December 9-11, 2014 around your residence to identify if soil lead levels could be affecting your children.~~

Deleted: Laboratory results are currently under evaluation by the EPA, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR). ATSDR is directed by congressional mandate to perform public health assessments of waste sites and the effect on public health of hazardous substances in the environment. For this situation the public health assessment will address lead levels in the soil and the potential risks to your children. EPA will continue ~~Once the evaluation is complete we would providing you with information inform you of the concerning sampling and assessment results and any further actions on your property is required at this time~~ ¶

At present the ODEQ also continues to conduct quarterly monitoring of drinking water wells near the Site. At this time no contamination above drinking water standards has been found near the Site. ODEQ will continue to collaborate with the EPA Remedial and Removal programs to ensure your concerns are addressed and the eventual complete remediation of the Site ¶

¶ We will send the information you provided to us to ODEQ. If you want to communicate directly with ODEQ in the future, Ms Kelly Dixon would be the most appropriate contact and her email address is Kelly.dixon@deq.ok.gov. Her mailing address is: ¶

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Deleted: If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (214) 665 - 8124 or you can contact Bart Canellas of my staff at (214) 665 - 6662 or Mark Hayes at (214) 665-2705 ¶



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